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**MOORESVILLE HEADQUARTERED NORTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
1132nd WELL DRILLERS RETURN HOME ANNOUNCED**

MOORESVILLE, N.C – A welcome home ceremony for the Soldiers and families of 1132nd Well Drillers, headquartered in Mooresville, is scheduled for Saturday at the Southside Baptist Church, Mooresville at 2 p.m.

A public ceremony thanking the Soldiers for their service, at 525 South Broad Street, honors the 10 Soldiers who were mobilized October 2006 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and deployed to the Horn of Africa.

The unit, nicknamed the “Mud Hogs”, was assigned to Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa. Their mission was to conduct operations such as drilling wells to prevent conflict, promote regional stability and protect coalition interest in order to prevail against extremism. This was the unit’s first deployment in support of the global war on terror.

The Soldiers drilled nine and repaired three wells supplying local military forces and humanitarian efforts. Daytime temperatures in the region exceeded 120 degrees during operations.

The Soldiers were honored for their humanitarian efforts assisting the village of Assamo, Djibouti’s by the nation’s Prime Minister. The Soldiers drilled several wells in a few days replacing wells that had a high salt and bacteria content. Other humanitarian missions included distributing clothes and soccer balls to local villages and laying a foundation for local school.

The 1132nd Well Drillers trained their replacements, the 1133rd, also of Mooresville

The contributions of the North Carolina National Guard to the security of our nation have increased significantly since September 11, 2001. The 1132nd Well Drillers exemplified this continued commitment during their deployment in support of global war on terror.

Soldiers will be available for interview.

NOTE TO EDITORS: This unit is unrelated to the 1132nd Military Police Company that lost three Soldiers recently.